COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

| (1) DEPARTMENT Board of Supervisors | (2) MEETING DATE March 9, 2010 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Adam Hill 805/781-5450 | M | |
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| (4) SUBJECT Request to approve a letter of support of PG&E's application to the California Public Utilities Commission for funding of 3D seismic mapping studies concerning Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. | | | | |
| (5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Supervisor Adam Hill is requesting support for the attached letter being sent to the California Public Utilities Commission. | | | | |
| (6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached letter concerning Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and authorize Chairperson Frank Mecham to sign. | | | | |
| | B) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A | (9) ANNUAL COST N/A | (10) BUDGETED? No Yes N/A | |
| (11) OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT (LIST): N/A | | | | |
| (12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? No Yes, How Many? Permanent Limited Term Contract Temporary Help | | | | |
| (13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, All | | (14) LOCATION MAP Attached N/A | (15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board N/A | |
| (16) AGENDA PLACEMENT Consent Hearing (Time Est) Presentation Board Business (Time Est.30 min_) | | (17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS Resolutions (Orig) Contracts (Orig + 3 Copies) Ordinances (Orig) N/A Email Resolution and Ordinance to CR_Board_Clerk (in Word) | | |
| (18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? Number: Attached N/A | | (19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? Submitted 4/5th's Vote Required N/A | | |
| (20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQU | SITION NUMBER (OAR) | (21) W-9 No Yes | (22) Agenda Item History N/A Date | |
| (23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW | | | | |

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Honorable Michael R. Peevey, President California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: PG&E's Application to Recover Costs of Diablo Canyon Seismic Studies

Dear President Peevey:

In 2006, the California Legislature enacted Assembly Bill 1632 (Blakeslee, Chapter 722, Statutes of 2006), which was codified as Public Resources Code 25303. AB 1632 directed the California Energy Commission (CEC) to assess the potential vulnerability of California's large, base load generation facilities, including the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCPP) and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), to a major disruption due to a major seismic event or plant aging and to assess the impacts of such a major disruption on system reliability, public safety and the economy.

In November, 2008, it was announced that the USGS had discovered a previously unknown significant fault potentially running within a hundred yards of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. This new fault represents the second active fault in the immediate vicinity of the plant. The characteristics of the new fault, as well as its relationship with the first fault, are largely unknown.

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Following this discovery, the CEC issued the AB 1632 Report as part of its 2008 IEPR Update released in November, 2008. In the AB 1632 Report, one of the CEC's recommendations was that PG&E should use three dimensional (3-D) seismic reflection mapping and other advanced geophysical techniques to "help resolve uncertainties surrounding the seismic hazard at Diablo Canyon."

We are pleased that PG&E has filed an application seeking funding authorization from the CPUC to proceed with these supplemental seismic studies. We support approval of PG&E's application and we encourage the CPUC to approve the application and funding on an expedited basis so that PG&E may commence these critical seismic studies as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Mecham

Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc:

CPUC Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich CPUC Commissioner John Bohn CPUC Commissioner Timothy Simon Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee State Senator Abel Maldonado Congresswoman Lois Capps

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| (5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST Supervisor Adam Hill is requesting support for the above-entitled letter being sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. | | | | |
| (6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached letter concerning Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and authorize Chairperson Frank Mecham to sign. | | | | |
| (7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (8) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A | (9) ANNUAL COST N/A | (10) BUDGETED? No Yes N/A | |
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Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman c/o Annette I. Vietti-Cook, Secretary of the Commission U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mail Stop O-16G4 Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: Relicensing application for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

Dear Chairman Jaczko:

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors represents the residents who live within the Emergency Planning Zone of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. As such, we respectfully request that the NRC wait to begin processing the relicensing application filed in November 2009, until the seismic studies for the plant have been completed. When completed, we urge that these studies be review by a panel of independent experts.

Our county has significant interest in seeing that these studies — as would have been mandated by a bill authored by our local State Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee — be completed so as to best ensure the safety concerns of our citizens. Recently, the California Public Utilities Commission determined those studies be completed before any further taxpayer or ratepayer monies be invested in the relicensing process.

Thus, we make this request out of common sense, without any prejudice toward the power plant, which we recognize is of both local and statewide importance.

The application for relicensing was filed exactly one year after PG&E announced that an earthquake fault had been discovered 1800 feet offshore of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. Since then, it has been recommended that further seismic studies be conducted to include three-dimensional geophysical mapping and other advanced techniques to explore fault zones near the power plant.

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We are encouraged by the support shown for these expedited studies by our state's regulators and state legislature. We have also been encouraged by PG&E's willingness to complete these studies.

Thus, once again, in the interests of efficiency and openness, we respectfully ask that you allow these studies to be completed before public money is used to process the relicensing application for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. If a delay cannot be granted, then secondarily we would ask that the application process not be completed until the seismic studies have been completed.

Sincerely,

Adam Hill,

Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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